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STATE PASS USDA, FDA
FROM AGRICULTURAL OFFICER

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: BOTULISM IN SALMON

REF: (A) STATE 200349; (B) HONG KONG 11482

1. HKG HAS PRESENTED URGENT REQUEST (1) FOR INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF PETER PAN CANNERY IN FALSE PASS, ALASKA, AND (2) FOR ASSURANCES THAT SALMON CANNED THERE DURING JULY AND AUGUST ARE SAFE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

2. THE THREE SUSPECTED BATCHES OF CONTAMINATED SALMON IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL A WERE NOT FOUND IN THE LOCAL MARKET. HOWEVER, RED SALMON CANNED AT THE FALSE PASS CANNERY DURING JULY AND AUGUST WAS FOUND AND IMPOUNDED PENDING ASSURANCES FROM FDA THAT THE SALMON IS SAFE. THESE LOTS WERE IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL B.

3. A LETTER LABELED URGENT FROM THE HKG INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:
QUOTE. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT FURTHER RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF THE CONTAMINATED CANNED SALMON AND ASSURE WHETHER OR NOT OTHER BATCHES OF CANNED SALMON MANUFACTURED IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 1977 BY THIS PETER PAN CANNERY OF FALSE PASS, ALASKA ARE SAFE FOR HUMAN FOOD. UNQUOTE.
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